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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 570
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A RESOLUTION To commend General William G. Moore, Jr. on the occasion of his retirement as President of the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those estimable public servants who have served this state and nation with the utmost courage, dedication, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, General William G. Moore, Jr. is most assuredly one such admirable citizen who is richly deserving of this Body's commendation; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his exemplary tenure as President of the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority, General William Moore has distinguished himself as a conscientious and dedicated public servant, and as a man of honor and integrity; and

WHEREAS, General Moore, a native of Waco, Texas, first began his exemplary career in public service in 1940 by enlisting in the Army Air Corps as an aviation cadet; he graduated seven months before Pearl Harbor and retired from the United States Air Force in 1979 as a highly decorated and honored Four Star General; and

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WHEREAS, He is a distinguished gentlemen and scholar, and has always strived to expand his education; he attended: Kilgore College, George Washington University, Army Air Corps Flying School, Air Command and Staff School, Air War College, National War College, Airborne Training, and Aviation Cadet School; and

WHEREAS, During Word War II, General William Moore astutely commanded the 777th Bombardment Squadron, 464th Bombardment Group, Fifteenth Force, in Italy, logging 35 combat missions; during the Korean War, he commanded the 3rd Bombardment Group based in Kusan, Korea, where he led 65 combat missions in B-26 medium bombers; and

WHEREAS, In 1953, he served with distinction as Directorate of Operations at the Headquarters of the U.S. Air Force, and was transferred, in 1957, to the Headquarters of the U.S. Air Force in Europe, where he served as their Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations; and

WHEREAS, General Moore, in 1962, began his remarkable airlift career as Commander of the 314th Troop Carrier Wing, at Stewart Air Force Base, Tennessee, and moved on to take command of the 839th Air Division in 1963; he directed Project CLOSE LOOK, and served as airlift commander on several large-scale exercises, including BIG LIFT; and

WHEREAS, From 1965-1966, General Moore was the Deputy Director of Operations, J-3, U.S. Strike Command, at MacDill Air Force Base, where he commanded the airlift exercise RAPID STRIKE and was instrumental in much of the airlift planning for joint operations; and

WHEREAS, In November 1966, he was assigned in Vietnam to organize the airlift effort in support of the Southeast Asia conflict; he reactivated and commanded the 834th Air Division at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, and was responsible for all tactical airlift in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, General William G. Moore, Jr. in 1967, assumed duties as Director of Operational Requirements and Development Plans, Deputy Chief of Staff, Research and Development, Headquarters U.S. Air Force; in 1970, as Commander of the Twenty-Second Air Force (MAC) at Travis Air Force Base, he held prime responsibility for the extensive strategic airlift missions flown from the United States to Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, General Moore, in 1972, assumed command of the Thirteenth Air Force at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines and was responsible in this important position for the U.S. Air Force units in Taiwan, Thailand, and the Republic of the Philippines; he directed the first aircraft sent into Hanoi to prepare for returning prisoners of war, and under the direction of the Commander-in-chief, Pacific Command, he commanded the Homecoming Operation at Clark Air Base; and

WHEREAS, Beginning his exemplary tenure as Chief of Staff of the Pacific Command, in 1973, he participated in the planning and execution of complex airlift efforts to re-supply Cambodia, evacuate Phnom Penh and Saigon, and numerous other missions, including Operation BABYLIFT, Operation NEW LIFE, and the Mayaguez Operation; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his retirement, General Moore served as Commander-in-Chief of the Military Airlift Command; responsible for 1,000 aircraft and 90,000 personnel at 350 locations in 33 countries, he led the development and operations of all systems and procedures for the Department of Defense's movement by air; and

WHEREAS, General William G. Moore, Jr., during his honorable and distinguished military career, was awarded over 40 awards and citations for valor and service, receiving: the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Air Force Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, French Croix De Guerre with Palm, Legion of Merit with Four Oak Leaf Cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Presidential Unit Citation with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one Oak Leaf Cluster and Valor Device, Order of the Cloud and Banner, Air Medal with one Silver Leaf Cluster and four Bronze Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, American Combat Medal; and European/African/MidEast Campaign Medal with one Silver Star and two Bronze Stars, Armed Forces Service Award with one Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Order of National Security Merit Tong-IL, RVN Air Force Distinguished Service Order 2nd Class, American Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with two Battle Stars,

National Defense Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Victory Service Medal with three Battle Stars, American Combat Medal, American Defense Force Reserve Medal, World War II Victory Medal, United Nations Service Medal, RVN Gallantry Cross with Palm, RVN Campaign Medal, Missileman Badge, and Parachutist Badge; and

WHEREAS, Following service in three wars and 240 combat missions, and a career that saw this distinguished gentleman rise to the highest levels of military service, General Moore entered the private sector, first serving as president of Emery Air Freight, Inc., and subsequently providing consulting services to major multi-national corporations; he is also a former member of the corporate boards of directors of Evergreen International Aviation, Sovran Bank/ Tennessee and Genesco, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, In 1989, the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Nashville Authority named General William G. Moore president of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious tenure as President, General William G. Moore has recognized and promoted the importance of air service to the economic development of Nashville and the surrounding regions of Middle Tennessee, Southern Kentucky and Northern Alabama, and has judiciously directed the planning, development, financing and operation of the Nashville International Airport and John C. Tune General Aviation Airport; and

WHEREAS, His office has frequently served as an essential link between the air service industry, the local community, and elected officials and government agencies in cooperative efforts to improve air routes and frequencies into and out of the region; and

WHEREAS, Under General Moore's expert direction, the authority constructed Nashville's present 820,000 square-foot terminal, added two 8,000 square-foot runways and extended another runway to 11,000 feet; completed a \$35 million expansion of the airport's parking garage, automobile ramps and related facilities; and began the improvement and expansion of cargo facilities at Nashville International Airport in response to the needs of local, regional, and national companies involved in moving products into and out of Middle Tennessee by air; and

WHEREAS, He successfully completed an innovative five-year, \$90 million noise compatibility program approved by the Federal Aviation Administration and developed an FAA approved 30-year long-range plan that involved widespread community input; and

WHEREAS, General William G. Moore, Jr. has focused the Authority's emphasis on improved customer services, and has implemented, with the cooperation of the Nashville Chamber of Commerce, an aggressive marketing program to create new and expanded air services between Nashville and other markets of the United States and abroad; and

WHEREAS, Due to General Moore's masterful guidance, every major U.S. air carrier provides passenger services at Nashville International, and the airport has been ranked, in an independent passenger survey, among the top four airports in the country; and

WHEREAS, General William Moore's remarkable success as a public servant and community leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of integrity and hard work, and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, General William G. Moore epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, General William G. Moore, who lives in Franklin with his wife, Marjorie, is an extremely giving person who reaches out to his fellow citizens with compassion and conviction, participating in numerous civic initiatives; and

WHEREAS, He is a valuable member of the Rotary Club in Nashville and a past member of the board of the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce and Sister Cities of Nashville; he has generously led community efforts to raise funds for the Boy Scouts of America and Cystic Fibrosis, and has worked actively with the Pencil Partners program to encourage corporate involvement in local schools; and

WHEREAS, General Moore is the much deserved recipient of the 1990 Barry Dean Fulton Award by United Cerebral Palsy of Middle Tennessee; he was duly honored as Nashvillian of the Year, and recognized as Citizen of the Year by the Easter Seals Foundation of Nashville in 1996; and

WHEREAS, His many accomplishments and awards aside, General William Moore is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Marjorie; their daughter and son-in-law, Allyson and Raymond Kirkpatrick; and their grandson, Todd; and

WHEREAS, General William Moore is one of the nation's most knowledgeable and experienced leaders in aviation, and he has diligently and honorably served the citizens of this great state as the President of the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority; and

WHEREAS, General Moore is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and recognize General William G. Moore, Jr. on the occasion of his much deserved retirement, salute his courage, purpose, and commitment as an officer in the United States armed forces, and thank him for his honorable and astute service as President of the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority. We also extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.